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**REGULATION**

**CALL FOR PROJECTS**

**Supporting youth in the Mediterranean**

**"J-MED"**

**2024 Edition**

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1. **OBJECTIVE**

The **J-Med Fund to Support Youth in the Mediterranean** aims to **foster partnerships between Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in the Mediterranean for the benefit of youth projects**. This is done by creating synergies between Mediterranean NGOs in Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Spain, France, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Monaco, Portugal, Tunisia) and by identifying and supporting innovative initiatives led by young people.

1. **ELIGIBILITY**

**The following are eligible for this call for projects:**

* An initiative led by at least  **one non-governmental organization (NGO) from the following countries: Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia**, associated with another structure (NGO, Foundation...) from one of the following countries: **Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Portugal**  for the northern shore, or one of the following countries for the southern shore: **Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia.** The project is set up in consortium by organisations **from 2 different countries** around the Mediterranean.
* The south/east shore partner from the following countries: Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia will be the project leader and will be **responsible for the management of the grant** and the representation of the consortium at the IECD.
* The project must **be led by young people, for young people, with a transnational Mediterranean dimension**.
* **Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) working for young people in precarious situations and young women and/or those affiliated with youth networks are strongly encouraged** to participate in this call for projects.
* Social **and solidarity-based enterprises are also eligible**.
* The **CSO consortium will have to provide co-financing of 10% of the total project amount**. **Valuations** (share of staff remuneration, provision of equipment or premises, mobilization of other equity, operating costs, etc.) **are accepted, and may be those of only one of the CSOs or all the CSOs in the consortium**.

**The following are not eligible for this call for projects:**

* Organizations **of a religious or political nature** and **organizations that do not meet the administrative requirements**.
* Applicants **who do not meet all administrative requirements** will not be eligible.

Particular **attention will be given to projects**:

* Innovative in nature;
* Integrating an effective gender dimension;
* Integrating an environmental dimension;
* Promoting a rights-based approach.

1. **THEMATIC**

This call for projects aims to support initiatives in the  **following priority areas**:

* Education (including technology-based projects);
* Vocational training;
* Socio-economic integration;
* Social and Solidarity Economy;
* Culture and Sport;
* Mobility (meetings and exchanges of practices between youth actors).

1. **FINANCING**

* A **total budget of €300,000**  has been allocated to this call for projects, including **€225,000** for grants to associations.
* Initiatives selected by the selection committee will receive grants of up to **€15,000. Payments will be made in the local currency in two tranches: a first tranche of 85% upon signature of the agreement (in 2024)** and a second tranche of 15% **upon submission of an interim implementation report (in 2025).**
* A **minimum of 10% co-financing will be**  provided by the project leader, who will be able to claim a valuation in kind of his contribution.

1. **CALENDAR**

The timeline for this call for projects is as follows:

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| **Launch of the call for projects** | **October 25, 2023** |
| **Closing of the call for projects** | **January 5, 2024** |
| **Announcement of the winners** | **February 2024** |
| **Project implementation** | **Between 01.03.2024 and 28.02.2025** |

**The duration for the implementation of the projects is a maximum of 12 months.**

1. **SELECTION PROCESS**

* The pre-selection of projects is carried out by the IECD, which leads the call for projects, and the DCI. The final selection of projects is made jointly by a committee representing all the technical and financial partners of the call for projects (DCI, Fondation de France, MEAE and IECD).
* The selection of projects is made on the basis of a study of the application file including: the letter of request for funding, the application form, the budget, and the administrative file. The application may be in English or French. If some documents are only available in a third language (e.g. statutes of the association), please specify this.

1. **SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Proposed projects are recommended to:**

* **Prioritize the themes mentioned in point 3** of this document;
* **Contribute to the achievement of at least one Sustainable Development Goal** adopted by the United Nations in 2015 United [Nations in 2015 (SDGs)](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/fr/objectifs-de-developpement-durable/)
* **Supporting the most vulnerable groups** (populations facing poverty, school dropout, unemployment, disability, forced displacement, conflict situations, violence, etc.)
* **Demonstrate their relevance** : the activities and partnerships presented should be realistic and consistent with the project objectives and the implementation context;
* **Present clearly and precisely the objectives, activities and budget** ;
* **Take into account the duration of their project** , which must not exceed **12 months**;
* **Take into account the environmental dimension as well as gender equality** (*gender equality can be an important objective, but it is not the main reason for undertaking the project*)
* **Privileged to involve local actors in the implementation of activities** ;
* **Integrate activities to capitalize** and share experience, and propose communication actions.

1. **HOW TO SUBMIT**

* Complete applications must be submitted **in Word format (**JMED2024\_Formulaire) and in Excel format (JMED2024\_Buget) by email to the following address: [**aap@iecd.org**](mailto:aap@iecd.org) with the subject line: **"Response to J-Med2024",** no later than January 5, 2024 at midnight (Paris time)**.** Any proposal that is incomplete or sent after the date and time indicated above will not be accepted. Files that are too large can be sent to the same email address via the platform: <https://wetransfer.com/>
* The application must consist of the following:

**1. The letter of application for funding** signed by the legal representative of the applicant organization. Document *(JMED2024\_Demande\_Financement)*

**2. The project proposal:**

* **The completed application form**. Word Document *(JMED2024\_Formualaire)*
* **The budget according to the specified format.** Excel Spreadsheet *(JMED2024\_Budget)*
* **Optional:** A video presentation (1 minute maximum) or a photo montage (5 photos maximum) if the candidate wishes.

**3. Administrative Record for NGOs (OSC1):**

* Certificate of registration with the competent authorities
* Statutes
* List of members
* Latest Reports: Narrative and Financial (2023)
* Full banking information (Account name, address, bank name, account number, IBAN if available, bank swift code)

**3bis. Administrative Record for Private Sector Entities, Academic Institutions:**

* Certificate of registration with the competent authorities
* Statutes
* Full banking information (Account name, address, bank name, Account number, IBAN if available, bank Swift code)

*The Fund's partners reserve the right to request additional legal supporting documents from this category of applicants.*

**9. ADDITIONAL TERMS**

* All dissemination materials and communication actions carried out within the framework of the funded projects will highlight the support of the stakeholders by mentioning their names and logos.
* The project's activities may in no way be linked to religious proselytism or political propaganda.
* By submitting their project proposal, applicants agree that the information contained in their form may be shared by the Monegasque Development Cooperation and its partner the IECD as part of the implementation of this call for projects.